



DWFP-LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINEE (CADET)

Characteristics of Work

This is a non-state service, specialized trainee (cadet) for *entry level* law enforcement, natural resources protection and conservation work as a DWFP-Conservation Officer I, in the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Upon successful completion of the prescribed training and in-service regimen, the trainee (cadet) will be classified as a DWFP-Conservation Officer I.

Characteristic duties of a DWFP-Conservation Officer I include responsibility for inspection, safety, enforcement, investigation, public relations, conservation education and management of resources in the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Incumbents possess enforcement powers conferred by statute and utilize these powers in the execution of their duties and responsibilities as well as in assisting other state, federal and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies. In addition to regular enforcement and conservation activities, incumbents may be assigned specialized duties and primary responsibility for a designated geographic area or physical location, i.e., county, district, management area, state lake or related agency facilities. Field work at the entry level is performed under the close supervision of an administrative superior with considerable latitude for exercising independent judgement in extensive contact with the public and in the performance of related job duties.

Examples of Work

Examples of work performed in this classification include, but are not limited to, the following:

Patrols an assigned geographic area or physical location by land, water or air making inspections for violations of hunting, fishing, seafood, boating, safety, littering or pollution laws and agency regulations.

Inspects licenses, permits and equipment of hunters, fishermen, trappers and boaters; inspects vessels, registration, numbering and safety equipment of watercraft for compliance with state laws and regulations; collects appropriate fees; issues usage permits and licenses.

Monitors methods used and inspects game, fish and seafood taken for compliance with state laws and regulations.

Interprets and enforces laws, rules and regulations for the protection, conservation and management of wildlife, fisheries, marine and natural resources; issues citations and apprehends violators; interviews witnesses; collects and preserves evidence of violations; seizes equipment used illegally; testifies in hearings and court proceedings.

Investigates reported or suspected game, fish and seafood violations, wildlife damage complaints, hunting and boating accidents and evidence of littering and pollution; assists in special details and investigations related to the illegal taking and sale of game, fish and seafood.

Assists federal, state and local officials in matters involving natural disasters, civil disturbances, hunting and boating accidents, drownings, rescue operations and apprehension of criminals.

Assists in instructing hunter safety and boating safety classes; promotes and assists in conducting educational, interpretative and informational programs on hunting and fishing regulations, outdoor and recreational opportunities and safety, conservation topics and department-sponsored programs to schools, clubs, civic and community groups and other organizations.

Assists technical staff in the survey and collection of harvest, research and management data; capture and relocation of wildlife and fish for nuisance removal and restocking; habitat improvement; lake and pond management.

Performs managerial and custodial functions for the development and maintenance of state-owned and leased lands, wildlife management areas and state lakes.

Prepares various reports on daily activities, vehicle use, expenses and repairs; facilities usage and visitation; accident reports; violations, arrests and prosecutions.

Operates and maintains a variety of equipment, including but not limited to: motorized vehicles, all terrain vehicles, winches, marine vessels (up to 36 feet), boats, motors, firearms, audio-visual equipment, two-way radio and communications equipment.

Related or similar duties are performed as required or assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

Experience/Education Requirements:

Reference Mississippi Code 1972, annotated, Section 49-1-15: All appointments of conservation officers shall be under rules adopted and promulgated by the commission. No person shall be appointed from and after July 1, 2001, unless he meets the following requirements:

(a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and

(b) Has successfully completed sixty-four (64) semester hours at an accredited community college or university or has an Associate Degree from an accredited community college or has passed the Law Enforcement Academy and has at least five (5) years experience in law enforcement.

Reference is also made to: H.B. No. 1624 - Regular Session 2001 - Appropriations.

Required Document(s): Applicant must provide employing agency evidence of completion of education requirements and a valid copy of his/her transcript to verify course work, when applicable.

Special Requirements:

Applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age at time of appointment; must possess a valid Mississippi Driver's License, or a valid Driver's License from a contiguous state; meet any and all minimum standards of employment as set forth by the Board of Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training; have neither a conviction nor a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; have not been discharged under conditions other than honorable from any branch of the U.S. armed forces; receive a favorable background investigation report; upon appointment and on a scheduled basis, pass a physical examination conducted by a licensed physician and meet minimum physical qualification standards; upon appointment and on a random-selection basis, pass an alcohol/drug test conducted by a certified laboratory.

Note:

Employment is contingent upon successful completion after appointment of the Basic Curriculum approved by the Board of Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training and an agency-defined specialized training regimen, as well as successful completion of pre-defined requalification standards. Duty assignment may require that successful applicant be able to demonstrate swimming skills at a prescribed level equivalent to the American Red Cross Basic Swimming skill level.

Interview Requirements:

Any candidate who is called to an agency for an interview must notify the interviewing agency in writing of any reasonable accommodation needed prior to the date of the interview.